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Dear Harold,

My recent visit was particularly enjoyable and relaxing--not to mention very informative. As usual, I am lost for a means of effectively conveying my gratitude. I hope that you and Lil will accept the enclosed check as a token of my parents' and my own appreciation for your hospitality and all your kindnesses. And please tell Lil that I really enjoyed her cooking. You have told me that it is nothing compared to the cooking she used to do. But it was just fine with me!

Jerry called me this afternoon, after he spoke with you. I told him about the MacMillan tape and it blew his mind. He still objects to the nature of your letter, but at least he can appreciate its objectives and the context in which it was written. He asked me if your feelings on Wecht getting access had changed, and I told him they had not. He still cannot understand why, and here it is clear that he is quite influenced by Sylvia.

Jerry also said you do not think the Repubs were behind the recent raid. I do not agree, esp. based on Mitchell's non-denial of prior knowledge. My initial memo on this is enclosed. The only thing which keeps me from believing the Repubs did it to intimidate the Dems is that it makes such bad press for the Repubs. Still, I wonder which side--for whatever reasons--would try such a far-out thing.

As you might remember, a letter from Ed Williams came for me while I was down there. This is the first he has contacted me. He wants to know if I have come across anything relating to the secret RAND study of the assass. mentioned by Russo in Ramparts. I might not even answer his letter--no, I guess I should at least drop a small note.

Also--tell Lil that the plant is just fine. It's a beautiful plant and it will always remind me of the extraordinary person who gave it to me.

Best wishes,

Howard